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**NEWS RELEASE**

PHILADELPHIA - United States Attorney Pat Meehan today announced the filing of an indictment<sup>1</sup> charging Priscilla Torres with conspiracy, bank fraud, and aggravated identity theft. According to the indictment, from December 2005 through April 5, 2006, Torres and other individuals used fraudulent identification in the names of customers of Citizens Bank and Wachovia bank to cash and attempt to cash counterfeit checks from the bank accounts of those bank customers. Torres' role in the bank fraud scheme was that of a "check-runner," going into a branch of the bank, posing as a customer of the bank, and cashing a fraudulent check payable to that customer at the branch. The fraud scheme totaled losses in excess of \$9,000.

**INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANT**

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Priscilla Torres	Philadelphia	32

If convicted of all charges, Torres faces a statutory maximum sentence of 37 years in prison, a \$1.25 million fine, and a \$200 special assessment.

The case was jointly investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service and the U.S. Secret Service. It is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney K.T. Newton.

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<sup>1</sup>An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.